

REMARKS

Claims 1-204 are pending. The unelected claims 1-77 and 134-204 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 78-133 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Some of the rejected claims have been amended. The rejection is traversed insofar as it is applied to the pending claims as amended.

Claim 78 has been amended to state that "wherein the first and second sets of gratings are formed on the wafer with an asymmetrical alignment." This is clearly described in paragraphs 38, 39 and 40. The same can be said for claims 101, 107 116 and 129.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants note that the Examiner has considered all references submitted in Information Disclosure Statements dated March 2, 1004, March 9, 2004, December 1, 2005, and March 30, 2006.

Conclusion

Claims 78-133 are pending. Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned at 415-276-6541 would be appreciated.

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